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#### **AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In particular, *Helicoverpa armigera* stunt virus (HaSV) particles are isometric and approximately 36 nm in diameter with a buoyant density on CsCl gradients of 1.36g/ml. The virus is composed of two major capsid proteins of approximately 64 and 7 KDa in size as determined on SDS-PAGE. The HaSV genome is much ~~later~~ larger than the largest known nodavirus (another class of RNA viruses) and comprises two ss (+) RNA molecules of approximately 5.3 and 2.4 kb. The genome appears to lack a blockage of unknown structure at the 3' termini that is found in Nodaviridae. The HaSV genome however shares a capped structure and non-polyadenylation with Nodaviridae. HaSV differs significantly from Nodaviridae and Nudaurelia w virus in terms of its immunological properties. In particular the large capsid protein has different antigenic determinants. Other properties of HaSV are described in the Examples.